

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0017] of the original specification as follows:

[0017] The A.C. high voltage output from the DC-AC converter 31 is applied to a fluorescent lamp 1 through the high voltage output connector 32a and the low voltage output connector 32b. At this time, a voltage corresponding to a current flowing in the fluorescent lamp 1 and resistance value R3 is generated in the low voltage output connector 32b. Meanwhile, the backlight according to the related art includes the plurality of inverter circuits for driving the plurality of fluorescent lamps 1, and the plurality of inverter circuits are positioned at the rear of the backlight.

Please amend paragraph [0030] of the original specification as follows:

[0030] In another aspect, a backlight driving circuit includes a high-voltage part at a first portion of a rear side of an LCD panel, configured to apply an A.C. high voltage to a first terminal of a plurality of fluorescent lamps; a ~~high-voltage~~low-voltage part at a second portion of the rear side of the LCD panel, configured to apply a lower electric potential than that of the high-voltage part to a second terminal of the plurality of fluorescent lamps; a connection part that connects the high-voltage part to the low-voltage part; and a protection circuit through which a high voltage, generated between the low-voltage part and the connection part, is shunted to a ground terminal.